

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR CIP PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD AND A SYSTEM FOR SETTLEMENT OF TRADING ACCOUNTS

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

[] was filed on November 29, 2001 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/996,837 and was amended on _ (if applicable).

I hereby state that this application in part discloses and claims subject material disclosed in my earlier-filed pending application U.S. Serial No. 09/996,837 is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 09/692,769 filed October 18, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/129,413 filed on August 5, 1998, which is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 08/927,443 filed September 11, 1997, and a CIP of Serial No. 08/920,567 filed August 29, 1997. U.S. Serial No. 09/996,837 is also a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 09/551,190 filed April 17, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/213,703 filed December 17, 1998, which is a CIP of Serial No. 09/129,413 filed on August 5, 1998, which is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 08/927,443 filed September 11, 1997, and a CIP of Serial No. 08/920,567 filed August 29, 1997.

I hereby state that I reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I also acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37 CFR 1.63(d), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if this is a continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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